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Senate Bill _____
By _____

House No. HB0694
By Bragg, Sr.

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 59, relative to video systems.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-59-201, is amended by deleting in the first phrase the language, "As used in this part" and by substituting instead the language, "As used in parts 1 and 2 of this chapter".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-59-201, is further amended by deleting subdivision (1) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(1) "Cable service" means the transmission to subscribers of any video by a cable system including interaction video;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-59-201(2), is amended by deleting the language "which includes video programming and"; and by deleting subdivision (C) in its entirety and appropriately renumbering the remaining subdivisions.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-59-201, is further amended by deleting subdivision (6) in its entirety and by deleting the "; and" at the end of subdivision (5) and by substituting instead the punctuation ".".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 59, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section _____. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, as of January 1, 1996, in order to serve customers, all cable systems shall be required to be franchised in the same manner that cable television companies are required to be franchised. No grandfather clauses shall apply to cable systems which are required to become franchised by this section.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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